

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. R-07-03

Introduced By **Councilmembers Simms and Morris**
Date Introduced **July 2, 2007**
Amendments Adopted **July 9, 2007**
Date Adopted **July 9, 2007**
Date Effective **July 9, 2007**

A RESOLUTION to

**AMEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE
SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may not yield that person's time to address the City Council to another person.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Resolution 97-19 – Rules of Procedure for the Seat Pleasant City Council Meetings
Section 7 – Citizen Rights
Section 7.2 – Manner of Addressing the Council

WHEREAS, the Seat Pleasant Charter allows for the City Council to establish its own rules and order of business for City Council meetings (§ C-307, Procedure of Council); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 97-19, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS established the rules and procedures for the orderly conduct of City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 97-19, Section 7. Citizen Rights, 7.2 states that “[u]nless further time is allotted, each person shall limit his/her address to three minutes”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend its Rules of Procedure to state expressly that a speaker recognized by the Chair may not yield his or her time to another speaker.

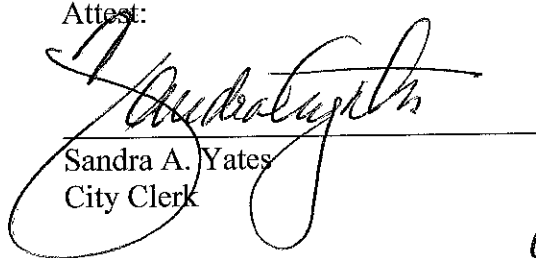
SECTION I. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Seat Pleasant City Council that Section 7.2 of the Rules of Procedure for the Seat Pleasant City Council Meetings be and it hereby is repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

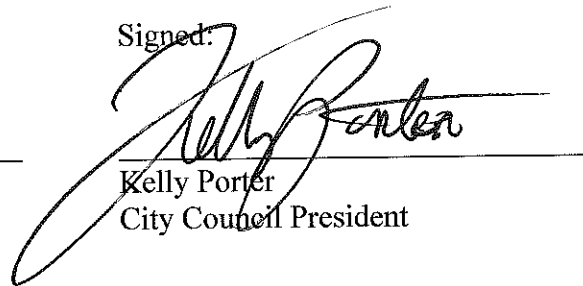
Rules of Procedure for the Seat Pleasant City Council Meetings

7.2 Manner of Addressing the Council: Each person addressing the Council will be required to use the microphone to ensure that his/her remarks are fully heard and recorded. Each person will be required to give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record. Unless further time is allotted, each person shall limit his/her address to three minutes. **NO PERSON MAY YIELD TO ANOTHER PERSON ANY OR ALL OF THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THAT PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.** All remarks shall be directed to the Council, not to the audience, and to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof, except in response to questions from individual Council members.

No person, other than members of the Council, and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into the discussion, either directly or through the members of the Council. No questions shall be asked by the Council members, except through the Chair. The council would then determine any disposition of the issue (place on present agenda, workshop, other agenda, refer to City Administrator, or do not consider), if any action is required.

SECTION II. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Attest:

Sandra A. Yates
City Clerk

Signed:

Kelly Porter
City Council President

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING RULES.
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing Rules.
Underlining indicates amendments to Resolution.
~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from the Resolution by amendment.